



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Living and Learning Together in Christ

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Upcoming Events

THUR 9 JUN

- SAPSASA State Cross Country

MON 13 JUN

- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

TUE 14 JUN

- School Council Meeting

WED 15 JUN

- Official School Photos
- Afternoon Chapel Service

FRI 17 JUN

- Assembly hosted by Mr Mayer's Class

MON 20 JUN

- School Reports sent home

WED 22 JUN

- Chapel Service

WED 22 JUN - FRI 24 JUN

- Year 4 Mylor Camp

MON 27 JUN

- Parent/Teacher Interviews

WED 29 JUN

- Chapel Service
- Parent/Teacher Interviews

THUR 30 JUN

- School Tour

FRI 1 JUL

- Assembly hosted by Ms Fyffe/Ms Kelly's Class

Pain

One image that comes to mind when I think of that word is shattered glass. To me it illustrates small sharp fragments of something that was once complete and functional.

Pain has so many variants. Sitting in an emergency area for some hours on Saturday, brought me face to face with different people experiencing physical pain. Everyday people, holding it together until bravery gives way to silent tears. Or there's financial pain... Worry... How do I make ends meet with this money to work with? Or there is emotional pain. The loss of a love one. A past hurt that wasn't properly dealt with and just sank deeper.

Pain is brokenness and it just plain hurts. So... Where is God when it hurts? Why did this have to happen?

It can be perceived as simplistic to say, 'Don't worry, God is right there with you'.

I remember going through a hard time myself when a well meaning person offered similar 'lines of comfort' and to be truthful, what I felt inside was definitely not comfort! After a (long) time, I realised that it was my hurt that was reacting.

My perceived feeling of being alone didn't trump the fact God was indeed with me.

Life with its shards of pain, was never the original plan. Jesus is sometimes called 'A man of Sorrows'. When you realise that there is one who can identify with your pain, and understand you, isolation barriers break down. I'm not going to say that everything happens for a reason, because there are some things that happen that just don't make sense, no matter how



much time passes. But I do know that God is faithful and when He says, 'I will never leave you', or 'I am with you always', He means it. (Hebrews 13:5b, Matthew 28:20b)

Jesus is so committed to us that he entered into our world. He took all the 'gunk' of humanity on himself when He died on the cross. That included our sin and pain. In exchange He gave us forgiveness, freedom and a restored relationship with God. Take comfort in this. This is huge and I am still learning what all of this means. Join me in the journey!

Submitted by Georgie Schuster

From the Acting Principal

RECONCILIATION ASSEMBLY

Thank you to all parents who attended assembly last week hosted by Mrs Folland's class. National Reconciliation Week provides opportunities for Australians across the country to learn about the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and our place as Australians in being part of reconciliation. We heard from our Receptions about what this means for them, and they shared the meanings of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.

STAFFING NEWS

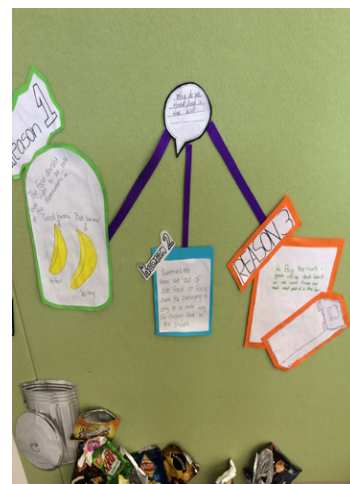
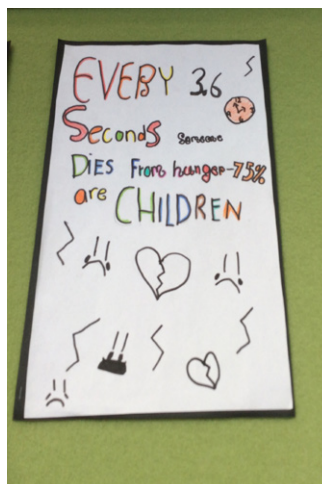
In Term Three we welcome back Mrs Nicole Tew, returning from maternity leave after the birth of her son, Lachlan. Nicole will join Ms Megan Fyffe teaching part time in Year Two. We thank Ms Claire Kelly for working with our Year Two class for the first half of the year and wish her well for her parenting leave.

Leila Mattner | Acting Principal

From the Director of Learning

INQUIRY AT ST PAUL

Our Year 5 class has been engaging with an integrated unit of inquiry titled 'The War on Waste'. Miss Stacey Baldock has skilfully crafted this unit involving outcomes from Science, English, Christian Studies and Humanities and Social Sciences. After weeks of developing their knowledge and empathy of how our western lifestyle of excess and waste causes economic and environmental issues all around the world, the Year 5 students have decided to take action to raise awareness and change habits in the St Paul community. Last week they presented some proposals to Mrs Mattner about utilising the Christian heart of St Paul to help others and spread important messages. Stay tuned for some fantastic student created and run events that will take learning out of the classroom and into the community.





UNSUNG HEROES

So much of what happens at a school on a day-to-day basis goes unseen by so many people, staff included. Teachers obviously work incredibly hard all year long to provide the rich and powerful learning program that St Paul is renowned for. But walking around the school sometimes it's hard not to notice just how important the Lutheran Support Officers (LSOs) are to the education of our students. Whether it is taking students to the sensory room and providing guidance, working on developing motor skills, leading reading groups, working one-to-one with students in class or being a sounding board for teachers, these staff members are always busy, dedicated and passionate about what they do. We are so grateful and blessed to work with and be supported by such caring and committed people. It is people like these, working away in the background, who make our community what it is. To all of them, we say thank you.

OLIPHANT SCIENCE AWARDS

Time is running out for Oliphant Science Awards nominations. All nominations must be in prior to 23 June. The Oliphant Science Awards are an opportunity for students from Reception to Year 6 to develop their interests in science through a competition with a range of categories to suit a wide variety of abilities and interests. If students are interested in registering could they please speak to Miss Bec Mattner. More information about the awards can be found at <http://www.oliphantscienceawards.com.au/>

Jason Fay | Director of Learning

General News

OFFICIAL SCHOOL PHOTOS AND CHAPEL

Please remember to complete your photo order online, or to return your forms before photo day on 15 June. Because of our school photo schedule, Chapel next week will be at 2:30pm, rather than the usual time of 9am. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2016

We are right in the middle of the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2016 and it's great to see students getting involved and borrowing books for the Challenge. This is a challenge that all students can complete, whatever their reading ability. In each category we have over 500 books to choose from including fiction, non-fiction and picture books.

Some things to remember for the Challenge:

- Younger students do not have to read the book all by themselves. Sharing a book with a parent or caregiver is an important part of learning to read.
- School Readers can be counted as non-PRC book. There are 4 spaces for books on the bottom of the challenge sheet that do not have to be from the PRC collection.
- Write the names of the books and sign it off as students read them – sometimes it's hard to remember what's been read!
- The PRC for 2016 finishes on the 9 September.

If you have any further questions about The Premier's Reading Challenge please see Ms McLeod in the library.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Hearty congratulations to Nathaniel Keeler who recently earned selection in the 23-player South Australian 12 and under AFL Football team. The team will compete in July at the School Sport Australian Football Championships at Maroochydore, Queensland.

Nathaniel's achievement is full of merit for several reasons. He was one of 200 boys in the initial trial process –and made it through a series of selection culls over at least 4 training sessions.

Secondly, we believe that Nathaniel is the first ever St Paul student to be selected in a state SAPSASA AFL footy team.

We wish you God's blessings Nathaniel, and we look forward to hearing about your experience on your return from the carnival in sunny Queensland.

OUR VISION:

Connected.
Innovative.
Grounded
in Christ.

OUR VALUES:

God's Word

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Acceptance

Romans 15:7

Excellence

1 Corinthians 10:31

Respect

Luke 6:31

Compassion

1 John 3:18

Hope

Titus 3:7

Community

2 Corinthians 13:13

Love

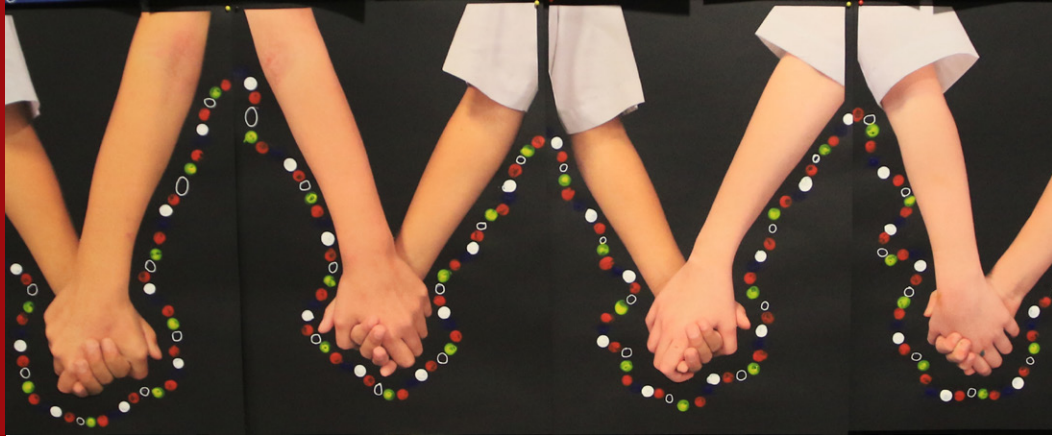
1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

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SPECIAL GUESTS NEEDED

The Year One classes are currently learning about designing and planning buildings. We are looking for some special guests from the fields of engineering, architecture or building to come in and discuss the importance of having a plan and using the right materials. If this sounds like something you could help with, we would love to hear from you! Please contact the Year One teachers or the front office if you think you could be of assistance.

SOUP

Soup is now available from the canteen for \$2.20. This week's soup is Chicken Noodle. Pumpkin soup will be offered the following week and this will rotate each fortnight.

ADELAIDE YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Join in celebrating 150 years of Adelaide Town Hall with Maestro 2: Pure Poetry. Wagner's Prelude creates a triumphant opening, followed by Beethoven's lyrical and virtuosic Piano Concerto No 4 and the joyous celebration of Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 2. Our very own St Paul Lutheran Year 6 student, Caleb Christian, will be playing during this performance. Held on Tuesday 21 June 2016 from 7:30pm at Adelaide Town Hall, 128 King William Street, Adelaide. Book with AdYO on 8361 889.

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Information and support meetings will be held on Monday 27 June, 25 July, 22 August, and 26 September, 2016 from 9:30am to 11am at Salisbury Lutheran Church. Please invite anyone you feel might benefit from this meeting. Please contact Lyn Benger, Child & Family Encourager, at cafe@slc.lca.org.au or call 8281 2976.

RAFFLE BOOKS

A big thank you to all who have sold and returned their raffle books. \$1556 raised so far; keep them coming in and watch this space for where the funds will be spent.

Church News

PASTY BAKE

St Paul Lutheran Church pasties will be available this Thursday 9 June for \$12 per tray of 6. Please place your orders with Renate Burls on 8260 5758 or the school office on 8260 2655 not later than 9am on the day of the bake.